

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Paul A. Mason

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Isis A.D. Ghali

For:

STERILE, BREATHABLE PATCH FOR TREATING

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WOUND PAIN

STATEMENT CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP AND DISQUALIFICATION OF REFERENCE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 103(a)(c)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application and U.S. Patent No. 6,455,066, cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 26, 2003 as a reference under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) & 103(a), were, at the time the invention in the above-identified application was made, owned by, and/or subject to an obligation of assignment to, EpiCept Corporation.

Applicant therefore requests, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §103(c) and MPEP § 706.02(1)(1)&(2), that U.S. Patent No. 6,455,066 be disqualified and removed as a reference under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in the above-identified application.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 5030313.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks for entry into the record of the aboveidentified application. Also submitted herein is a Petition for Extension of Time, with provision for the required fee, which extends the time for responding to the Office Action to March 26, 2004.

A list of the claims and their status can be found in the Appendix.